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MIAMI

ETHNIC-ORIENTED MIAMI MAYOR'S RACE ENDS TODAY

Election officials are unable to predict turnout in the heated, ethnically divided mayoral runoff today between Xavier Suarez and incumbent Maurice Ferre, which both candidates say is one of the dirtiest in history.

Ferre expects to garner most of the black votes, as he has in his five previous mayoral campaigns. Suarez is looking for the lion's share of support in the Cuban neighborhoods.

Ferre, in a last-minute bid for support in Miami's large Cuban exile community, said Monday he worked for the CIA to ship arms to anti-communist fighters in Cuba in the years after Fidel Castro took over.

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